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For: **AN ABSORBENT MEMBER  
EXHIBITING EXCEPTIONAL  
EXPANSION PROPERTIES  
WHEN WETTED**

### Terminal Disclaimer

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#### The Present Application

1. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., doing business at 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin, 54956, is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-referenced present pending U.S. patent application serial number 09/886,589 filed on June 21, 2001 for "AN ABSORBENT MEMBER EXHIBITING EXCEPTIONAL EXPANSION PROPERTIES WHEN WETTED".
2. Assignment of the inventors' rights in present patent application serial number 09/886,589 to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is evidenced by an assignment document which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 011956, Frame 0909.

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#### Commonly Assigned Patents

1. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is also the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to copending U.S. patent number 6,162,961 issued on December 19, 2000 for "AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE" and copending U.S. patent number 6,296,929 issued October 2, 2001 for "AN ABSORBENT MEMBER EXHIBITING EXCEPTIONAL EXPANSION PROPERTIES WHEN WETTED".
2. Assignment of the inventors' rights in U.S. patent number 6,162,961 to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is evidenced by an assignment document which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 9895, Frame 0387.
3. Assignment of the inventors' rights in U.S. patent number 6,296,929 to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. is evidenced by an assignment document which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 9889, Frame 0417.

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- (a) that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed; and
- (b) that to the best of Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.'s knowledge and belief, title of present U.S. patent application serial number 09/886,589 is in Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.

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1. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present U.S. patent application serial number 09/886,589, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term, including any applicable term extension, defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 156 for U.S. patent numbers 6,162,961 and 6,296,929.
2. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. hereby agrees that any patent granted upon present U.S. patent application serial number 09/886,589 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to such patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. patent number 6,162,961 and U.S. patent number 6,296,929. This agreement shall run with any patent granted upon present U.S. patent application serial number 09/886,589 and shall be binding upon Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., its successors and/or assigns.

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- (e) is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. 1.321(a);
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Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. specifically does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the present U.S. patent application serial number 09/886,589 prior to the expiration date of the term defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 156 including any term extensions as applicable to any patent granted on U.S. patents 6,162,961 and 6,296,929.

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The undersigned is an attorney of record in the present application having serial no.09/886,589.

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